

March 13, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 7:14 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television studio located in the Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Cahill, Haussmann, Mikulicich Jr. (arrived 8:23 p.m.), Perkins, Tsao, and Chair Craft

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Clerk Typist
Michael Smith, Cable Television Administrator

Excused: NONE

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Tsao led the salute to the flag.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Tsao, carried with an aye vote.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2002 meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins.*

Discussion followed.

Item 7.p. delete 5:30 p.m., add 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to approve the minutes as amended for the February 13, 2002 meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

a) Community Matters – NONE

b) Committee Reports

- (1) Producer Incentive – NONE**
- (2) Franchise Renewal – NONE**
- (3) Operating Policies and Procedures – NONE**

(4) Open Mic Night

Administrator Smith discussed the studio productions on February 1st and 2nd. He reported that 100% of candidates participated and the programs will be shown February 13th through March 5th on channel 28. Several participants expressed appreciation to the Commission for allowing this opportunity to use public access channel.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cahill moved to accept the Open Mic Night Committee Report for January 2002. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Tsao, carried with an aye vote.*

(5) Video Programming Awards

The 10th Annual ceremony will be held May 24th in the Cultural Arts Center Meeting Room. The entries have been finalized, and judging will take place on March 27th. Trophies will be ordered on April 1st. Invitations will be mailed April 26th.

(6) Future of Access - NONE

c) Report of Community Television Center - February, 2002

Administrator Smith discussed the statistics for the month. He highlighted 13 new programs were completed compared to 1 in 2001 and 2 in 2000. He also noted field usage was at 20%, post-production usage up to 42%, and studio usage at 36%. TCTV also gave 12 members of the League of Women Voters "Know your town" a tour of the facility.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Mikulicich Jr. moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for February 2002. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

d) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities – February, 2002

Administrator Smith gave a brief summary of the report. About 45 percent of local broadcast-TV stations expect to miss the digital-transmission deadline set five years ago, according to Federal Communications Commission records. AT&T Broadband and Comcast Corp. said their merger is needed to drive the penetration of several new services, especially local phone service in competition with entrenched phone incumbents. Three and a half years of promotion and support have paid off for Cox Communications Inc.'s local phone offering in San Diego, which zipped past the 100,000-subscriber milestone on Feb. 21, system executives said. The Baby Bells won

a victory in the House last week, when the chamber passed a bill that would remove many regulatory constraints on their high-speed-data offerings. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld the DBS 'carry one, carry all' carriage scheme in December. Facing a capital drain, overbuilder WINfirst said it has stopped construction of its sole system in Sacramento, Calif., where it wants to compete with AT&T Broadband.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Haussmann moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Activities Report for February 2002. This motion, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, carried with an aye vote.*

- e) Old Business - NONE
- f) New Business - NONE
- g) Addendum Matters – NONE

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Clerk Hibbard wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.
- b) Administrator Smith reminded everyone of the upcoming Veteran's Memorial Dedication, March 19th 1:00 p.m. on the corner of Torrance and Maple.
- c) Commissioner Mikulicich, Jr. expressed concerns about America On-Line (AOL) Internet service provider limiting users on the amount of mail they can send at once.
- d) Commissioner Perkins also wished everyone Happy Easter, Passover, and St. Patrick's Day.
- e) Commissioner Tsao thanked Clerk Hibbard for all of her hard work and effort encouraging residents to become Users and Producers at TCTV.
- f) Chair Craft also wished everyone Good Friday and Happy Easter.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Craft adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable Television Administrator

Roll Call: Cahill ☐ Haussmann ☐ Mikulicich, Jr. ☐ Perkins ☐ Tsao ☐ Craft ☐